FREE community newspaper

Community Connection

Are you in the picture?

he Go Green Program began in 2007 as a partnership with North Central Community Association, the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the City of Regina. The arrangement employed North Central residents to tackle the difficult work of cleaning the recyclable drink containers left in the stands after home games.

Go Green Coordinator Pauline Gabriel says, "Everyone worked until the entire stadium was cleaned —so the harder you worked, the less time it took!"

Members of the community who performed this work received tickets to the game, and receive an honourarium for their work! The average time for clean up was about 4-5 hours.

Every penny earned was put back into the North Central community. Over 70% was paid out to the NC residents who cleaned up. The rest was spent on cleaning up the area around Mosaic Stadium.

Tammy Stewart is a true blue supporter of Go Green. She has lived in North Central for 20+ years, and has been helping at Rider games since the program began in 2007.

Tammy describes the process: "We wait until the 4th quarter, we proceed to the front west building where we break into groups. I am a team leader, along with my daughter. The teams pick all the bottles from the stands."

Go Green starts picking up after the game ends and the fans have left. The work usually takes 4-5

The Go Green Program has completed its 2016 (and possibly final) season of partnership. In 2016 they have cleaned the Mosaic Stadium stands of recyclables from 11 games (10 Rider games and 1 Rams game).

Income from Sarcan was \$34,057.05 plus the \$5000 from the Riders for the Pregame cleanup, for a total income of \$39,057.05.

hours, depending on how long the game was.

They sometimes work into the wee hours. "There was a tornado warning last year, so Go Green had to evacuate and then return to finish the work. We weren't out till after 2 am. We had about two hours of sleep then had to come back at 5 am. and get the stadium cleaned up for the next sports event."

The items are sorted and the following Monday, Pauline, Tammy and Leigh take the recyclable items to Sarcan. Sarcan

There were 118 unique workers this season, with an average of 45 workers per game, and the program paid out \$24,671.00 in worker wages this year.

In 2016, Go Green recycled 330,059 units (cans, bottles, etc), with 43,475 of those gathered at the final game alone. This last number have possibly been a higher total, but for the fact they sold out of beer part way through the game.

appreciates Go Green because they pre-sort the items and are tidy about the job.

Just days after their championship victory in 2007, Roughriders brought

the Grey Cup for a surprise visit to the Go Green appreciation dinner.

The team finds unusual items during their sweep of the stands. They won't reveal the weirdest things ever found, but are happy to reunite people with their possessions. Usually it's cellphones but once they found a hand-knit scarf of great sentimental value to the owner.

It has meant a lot to Tammy to work with Go Green on a regular basis in a season. She has developed a love for the job. Not only does she get to pick bottles, she gets to watch the games.

Tammy has made some dear friends through Go Green. She is quick to commend the team on a job well done, as good leaders do. When the Grey Cup was won, she and her daughter had so much fun. They started at 10 pm and

> didn't finish until 5 am the next morning.

Will Tammy miss this? "Well, kinda, and kinda not." She laughs.

Tammy wants the Go Green program to continue. She says "not only does it give back to the community, it also helps people with a little bit of money. That's the biggest thing."





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story & photo by J. Morier



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Two North Central Neighbours Taking Care of Businesses

Peatrice Wallace-Littlechief and Fergus Littlechief are partners in marriage and partners in business. The North Central couple each run enterprises dealing in recycling, repairs and sales of new and refurbished electronics. In every way, they are making it work.

Despite all that life has thrown at Beatrice Wallace-Littlechief and Fergus Littlechief, they took yet another leap of faith and purchased Tec Computers.

Beatrice explains, "We thought this would be a good move because Fergus's business is recycling computers, and he's already well-established in the community. When this offer came about, it was a choice between investing more into Rare Earth (Recycling) or taking on this presence with its own established clients."

There may be a future in merging the two companies as they indeed complement each other. Fergus recycles electronics, and Tec Computers has equipment that has been passed along by Rare Earth that can be repaired and resold. It's a natural fit.

Tec Computers employs two full time and two part time staff, as well as casuals, on call. They will make house and business calls for repairs and servicing.

Fergus has provided tech servicing in and around Regina for 10 years, minus a short detour working in the demolition trade. When he joined a computer recycling firm his work ethic and personality helped to establish a robust client list for the company. After the business closed, customers continued to call on Fergus. He used his own mini-van and the \$10 in his pocket for gas money, and it grew from there. The client list has matured to over 300 and includes commercial, corporate, government and residential calls. There are hospitals and

universities on board. Some agencies are in rural areas, and Fergus travels once a month to Saskatoon. Rare Earth Recycling is beginning to get calls to go to reserves.

Fergus has employed North Central residents and makes a point of helping these individuals along. It took a bit more of an investment of his time, but he wanted to make sure they had a job. Fergus now employs another young man, starting him off in the trade, giving him the tools to earn a paycheque. That's a goal of both businesses, to employ people in possibly their first job, teaching the soft skills and helping them to progress.

Beatrice explains, "We've been there. I've worked up from the ground, nothing came easily. It's been a battle, but one of my biggest life goals is to show that if I can own a business, anybody with the will and determination can."

"I still mentor and do community work," she adds "because my heart is for our community and our youth. We want it known that this is a proud First Nations company. We want to show how we can all work together. We want to get out to the reserves, partner up with First Nations businesses, hire First Nations youth and work with them. At some point we could become a work placement, once we are more established. In our own way, we are already doing that. not through any agency. It's our philosophy. We've both already come through a mentorship process to get where we are. We've have had rough lives, we chose to rise above."

In Fergus's case, an employer

took him under his wing at Fergus's entry job of electronics recycling. When Fergus dreamed out loud that he wanted to take the business on, Harold was supportive and is supportive to this day, all these years later.



Had they not recognized her gumption, they might not have invested as much time and training in her. Her dreams made people take notice.

will always consider mentors from

what they taught me, from their

patience with me."

Beatrice admits she didn't live a good life before. "I was a heavy addict, I was homeless for awhile, and I lost my kids to social services—all of those crippling challenges that many people in North Central are going through right now."

"I felt like I couldn't get out of this
—I want people to know that. I quit
using, I quit drinking, my biggest
success was that I got a home, I
got my kids back and I'm finding
myself in the process. I want to be
an example, not only for myself
but for people in my community.
My neighbours, and whoever
knows me from my previous life,
know that it's very hard but it's so
worth it. I'm living now. Before I
was just surviving."

Since its inception, Beatrice has been with "Defend Dignity" (defenddignity.ca)—a national organization with a goal to end sexual exploitation in Canada. "I speak all across Canada and hope to get out to the reserves, with this message." The group began in Regina about 5 years ago and now operates out of Toronto.

Beatrice has a way of speaking openly—not for attention or for sympathy—not for any other reason than to demonstrate to others that they can grow through hard circumstances. Beatrice extracted herself from the life and in this era of sharing stories through social media, more people can be educated about sexual exploitation. It must not kept hidden within our neighbourhood.

Beatrice has no long-lasting physical health effects but suffers from severe PTSD. "I'm affected daily but I've gone through counselling and I now recognize a trigger. When I worked at APSS I was reminded constantly, but it's part of my learning curve in life, as I heal. Now, if I'm triggered, I don't get lost in it. I'm at a better place but I am still definitely injured."

Beatrice speaks lovingly of her husband. "Fergus is a very humble person, he has spoken at schools about his residential school experience as a part of rising up from what he's been through. He started his business on his own. He's very passionate but quiet. He often goes unrecognized because of big loud Beatrice who jumps in the front line!" she laughs.

Fergus shares "Growing up in residential school and Ranch Ehrlo, the worst part of my life is over. Alcohol and drugs possessed me at a very young age. You had to do that to chase away the monsters in your head. Then one day I realized I cannot do this any more. I started focusing on the positive part of going to work and the electronic stuff. I started tinkering with radios and TVs and VCRs. That demands focus. It got me out of my head to where I am today."







Reconciliation and the Media

Conference held October 5 in Saskatoon

story & photo by Miranda Hanus

utside the University of Saskatchewan, the trees were covered in frost. October 5th marked the first snow fall of 2016. In First Nation culture, snow signifies the time for storytelling, or as Elder Eugene Arcand stated, "it's the Creator's way of saying it's okay to tell a story."



Gathered inside, were Saskatchewan's top Indigenous journalists from newspaper, radio broadcast, and television news. Joining them were non-Indigenous journalists invited to hear how reconciliation affects news storytelling in regards to First Nation people in Saskatchewan.

Betty Ann Adam, long-time reporter with the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix was a co-chair on the committee. She stated the purpose of the conference was to improve the relationship between media and the First Nations people who are so often the subject of their news stories.

Historically, Indigenous people's stories were usually only on the court pages of newspapers. With the addition of more and more Aboriginal journalists, the perspective started to change. First Nation journalists provide a world-view into the daily lives of Indigenous people, both urban and in their own rural communities.

The non-Indigenous journalists and publishers who spoke, were very forthcoming in how little they knew about First Nation culture in Western Canada.

According to reporter Jason Warick (formerly of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix) he didn't learn about Indigenous culture in school; he learned on the job as a reporter, with help from mentors like Betty Ann Adam. Warick says, "The relationship between Indigenous people and the rest of the province is one of the most important we'll be facing in the coming decades. We have a responsibility to tell

those stories and tell them as best we can. All of us can improve our coverage if we start taking some simple steps. The main one is simply asking for and seeking more information. Read a book, or one of a growing number of Indigenous media publications in the province. Ask an Indigenous studies professor to go for coffee."

Warick also brought words of advice to to the conference attendees, from Cree knowledge keeper and mentor, Tyrone Tootoosis.

"We don't want you to gloss over things. We don't want happy stories. We don't want pity. Tell the truth. That's all we want is for you to tell the truth. And the truth is not always what's immediately in front of you."

Nelson Bird is the assignment editor for CTV news. In his career of over 20 years as a journalist, Bird says, the question that brought him to the conference was, "How can we communicate better with the people we work with, whether it's news directors. reporters, or colleagues?" He says the Call-to-Action 86 speaks to him the most because it refers to educating students (on Indigenous issues) in the beginning, "maybe in high school." He also wants to challenge the assumption that the only people to cover Indigenous issues are Indigenous people. "I encourage news directors to be open-minded when it comes to this, to educate their staff. If they're not educated, find a way to educate them. Bring in somebody,

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: **Calls to Action**

In this fourth in a series of articles examining the 94 Calls to Action

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission makes the following calls to action.

Legacy

HEALTH

- **18.** We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and to recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as identified in international law, constitutional law, and under the Treaties.
- **19.** We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, to establish measurable goals to identify and close the gaps in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, and to publish annual progress reports and assess longterm trends. Such efforts would focus on indicators such as: infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services.
- **20.** In order to address the jurisdictional disputes concerning Aboriginal people who do not reside on reserves, we call upon the federal government to recognize, respect, and address the distinct health needs of the Métis, Inuit, and off-reserve Aboriginal peoples.

Under **Legacy** there are 42 points:

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Language & Culture
- Health
- **Justice**

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- 21. We call upon the federal government to provide sustainable funding for existing and new Aboriginal healing centres to address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms caused by residential schools, and to ensure that the funding of healing centres in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories is a priority.
- 22. We call upon those who can effect change within the Canadian health-care system to recognize the value of Aboriginal healing practices and use them in the treatment of Aboriginal patients in collaboration with Aboriginal healers and Elders where requested by Aboriginal patients.
- 23. We call upon all levels of government to:
 - i. Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field.
 - ii. Ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities.
 - iii. Provide cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals.
- **24.** We call upon medical and nursing schools in Canada to require all students to take a course dealing with Aboriginal health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, and Indigenous teachings and practices. This will require skillsbased training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

"The best strategy is going to involve indigenous and non-indigenous people working together."

Hon. Justice Murray Sinclair -The One Who Speaks of Pictures in the Sky









hy stay sober? If you are currently pregnant, you will

want to stay sober for your baby.

the most challenging time to stay

sober. If you can stay clean and

sober over the holidays, then

you can handle it any time! If

you don't have any issues with

addiction, you may want to be a

healthy support for a loved one. Or you may just want to enjoy

all the season has to offer with a

Over the holidays, avoid "using"

possible, talk to your family about

your decision to stay sober and

make a plan. Rediscover the

food, music, arts and crafts,

decorating, holiday movies,

holidays by appreciating good

people and old routines. If

clear head.

If you are in recovery, it can be

'Tis the Season to be Sober

Living The Good Life is a philosophy. Living The Good Life is all about positive, healthy activities, which include sobriety, physical activity and volunteerism. Living The Good Life is also about focusing on the positives and building on our strengths.

when offered alcohol or other substances. Throw your own no alcohol party.

You don't have to do it alone. Check out recovery groups, AA meetings and recovery reading material. Be patient with yourself. If you slip, get back on track right away.

by Lisa Workman

Take part in community events gatherings, dinners, round dances, etc. Volunteer to help put together hampers, serve at free holiday meals, wrap presents for children or lend a hand with a holiday event. Get active and get outside! Adapt to the weather by

At gatherings, always have a non-alcoholic drink in your hand and never leave it unattended. Use a broken record "No thanks, no thanks, no thanks....."

covering your head, hands and

feet. Go for a walk, shovel the

with the kids in the snow.

walk, try out a winter sport or play

dressing up, giving and receiving,

entertaining children, and baking.

Practice being thankful and joyful

for the season.

This program takes place at Four **Directions Community**

Health Centre 3510 5th Ave. every Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Good Life Community Network invites you to participate in a gathering to discuss actions like advocating for more and better mental health and addictions supports, finding ways to increase physical activity and promoting volunteerism in the community. Let's work together to build a Good Life for all!

The Network meeting will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at Four Directions Community Health Centre.

If you have any questions, please email lisa.workman@rqhealth.ca or call 306-766-7549.

"My heart is with this community"

by Kevin Agyeman photo by Kelly Husack

efore my arrival to Canada Din 2015, I had high expectations. I had planned that, once here, I would make as many friends as possible! I am a social person and had left many friends back home in Ghana, West Africa. I relished the opportunity of starting a new life among hospitable people. However, I came to understand that in Canada, things weren't as simple as I had anticipated.

I had the same expectations any new arrival would havethe dream of enjoying a better life. I have more opportunities, compared to back home, but I now see that people weren't as open and warm as I had envisioned.

After my first few days in Canada, I was told to avoid certain areas in Regina, especially at night. The emphasis was—avoid North Central! My cousin (with whom I was living at the time) voiced the need to fear North Central due to the high crime rate in the area. His words never left my mind and, as a result, for a whole year I avoided the neighbourhood altogether.

Fast forward to present day. I am now at the University of Regina in Justice Studies. My major requires that I do a practicum with any organization in Regina. Unbeknownst to me I was placed at the North Central Community Association (NCCA), an organization based in the heart of Regina. My cousin told me it was in the area he had warned me about. He asked me to see whether I could get it changed because he was scared I could get hurt or be involved with unsavory people.

I decided against asking for a change in my placement. I have run away from challenges my entire life and this time I was not going to resort to that. This time I was going to take this opportunity and learn from it.

I am now four months into my practicum at NCCA and I have loved every moment of it. My perception about the area has changed immensely. I come to work each day without a fear in the world. Needless to say North Central is not without challenges. But as in any area within the city, crime will occur.

I recently represented the NCCA at a volunteer fair held at the U of R. Here I encountered a potential volunteer who felt the need to mention the negative perception of North Central with many people in Regina. Knowing where my practicum was, many of my peers came to me with questions such as: "What was the community really like? Did I feel sate working there?"

The line of questioning made me realize how my cousin was not the only person with the negative perception of North Central. The overall belief that only negative incidents occur is perpetuated by our local media.

I was lead to believe what I heard —that North Central was the most dangerous area in Regina. However, after working hand in hand within this community, my belief has changed.

My heart is with this community. I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing individuals who welcomed me wholeheartedly. I have made more friends working here in the Reconciliation and the Media

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talk to somebody. . . go to the reserves. . . there are so many ways to educate."

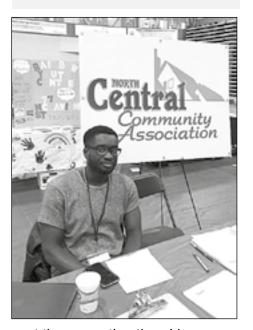
One media owner pledged that by the time the conference met next year, his staff would have the knowledge to cover Indigenous issues with accuracy and respect.

Other issues discussed included, recruitment of Indigenous reporters, financial importance of investing in Indigenous publishing ventures, and how to tell Indigenous stories in a way it reflects as Canadian issues and not just Indigenous issues.

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TRC CALL-TO-ACTION Specific to Media and Journalism

86. We call upon Canadian journalism programs and media schools to require education for all students on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the The Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations.



past three months, than I have my entire time here in Canada! The people here are warm and hospitable. They make everyone, including me, feel accepted and appreciated.

North Central is depicted as a bad neighbourhood. This could not be further from the truth! I have enjoyed some very good times here with some really lovely people. Therefore, I dispel the notion of North Central being a violent and unlivable place. I replace it with the knowledge that this is an area working very hard with one another to ensure the success of all of their community members.

too. We want to build a skills bank to get

neighbourhood individuals employed."

Public Meeting

2017 January 10, 7:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room Albert Scott Community Centre

Regarding the proposed **Transportation and Parking Plan** for the new Mosaic Stadium

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Mâmawêyatitân Centre Invites all community members **Community Open House**

Tuesday, January 16, 2017 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room, **Albert Scott Community Centre**

Bring your ideas regarding: Day, After School & Evening Programs & Services

Come Meet the Mâmawêyatitân Centre's Community Advisory **Committee Members**

Community Member Awarded Certificate of Commendation



the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan presents award to North Central resident Rhonda Young-

The Chairman and the Officers of the St. John Council for Saskatchewan hereby award this Certificate of Commendation to Rhonda Young-Pilon.

On the evening of June 14, 2016 an ice cream vendor was robbed and assaulted in Regina. One neighbour brought a towel out to the vendor for an injury on his arm. Rhonda ran out of her home, called 911 for the man and calmed him down as he was visibly upset, pacing around and losing more blood from his injuries. She sat with him until EMS arrived. Rhonda is commended for her quick thinking and calm demeanour in this situation.

North Central Community Association Launches a New Program

ood Neighbour Services is a social enterprise of the North Central Community Association providing

employment opportunities for the youth of our community. The program provides products and services within the City of Regina while providing their workers with valuable job skills and work experience.

Good Neighbour Services (GNS) Project Manager Marty Rothermel has spent over 25 years in the construction industry as a carpenter, landscape maintenance, and in construction. He's enjoyed creative work as a scenic carpenter in film and television. For the last 12 years Marty has run his own renovation and insurance business. He has overseen crews

as a lead hand, and is directly responsible for teams and projects. He has managed the the ground running. We're going to be in the sub-trades, worked alongside customers, and negotiated with insurance adjustors.

While leading and coaching youth over the decade with Ehrlo **Community Services Outdoor Hockey** League, Marty has gotten to know families in North Central. He has established a good rapport which will serve him well should he find himself hiring these young adults for local projects.

Good Neighbour Services is retaining 1650 Angus Street as its home base. NCCA's previous programs (Meewasassin and Good Neighbour Fencing) had their class and workshop space there.

Marty sees an opportunity to build components in-house during the cold winter months, when they're not shovelling snow. "We'd like to build planters, raised garden beds, or window boxes. We hope to partner with contractors to provide custom-built articles. We could assemble kits for folks to build and decorate themselves. We'll also provide our workers with a safe, controlled environment for people to learn and feel comfortable with tools while developing their skills."

The GNS crew will be a core of regular employees, and a roster of contract employees who, for whatever reason, can't commit to a 40-hour work week. Marty explains, "We can fill in the gaps with paid employment. If any of those hires decide GNS is a place they want to be, if they're a fit for us, then we'll hustle for more contracts. If they'd rather look elsewhere while they fulfil casual placements for us, that's good

Good Neighbour Services has a responsibility to the people in the community as employers and service providers



GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Building Community

"For casual yard maintenance or as part of a shovelling crew using GNS's tools, this program is meant to

interview & photo by J. Morier

help people gain what they need to have as an employee—whether it's with us or with someone else. If it's a matter of getting them set up with a social insurance number or a bank account, we'll help them with that. Ultimately they are people who will be on a payroll. We are all about getting people engaged or re-engaged and productive."

GNS may cultivate a life skills component in the future, presently it's not providing those classes. "We're expecting people to come to us with that

foundation and knowledge. They have to hit field to carry out the work."

> GNS has done flyer drops and an email campaign to advertise their services. The hires will do the work as teams. Building relationships will happen as a result and those attitudes transfer, no matter where they're going. There will be training on the tools needed and some safety training through SIIT

to everyone who enrols in GNS. All in the North Central neighbourhood are welcome to participate.

"We have 2 single-stage snowthrowers for this season. We'll bring out the leaf blowers, brooms, and shovels. We'll swarm the job site and move on!" Marty laughs.

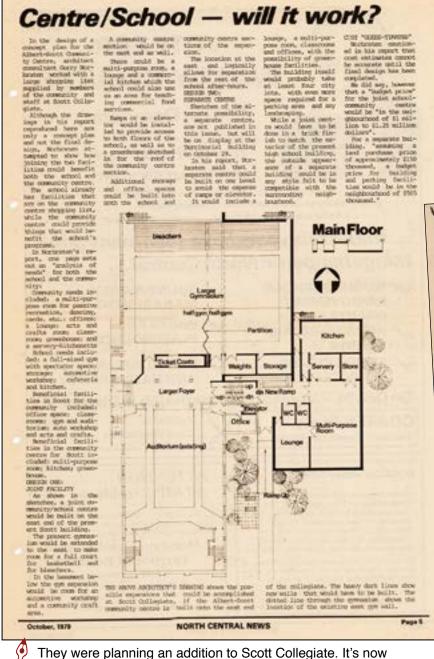
Lou Genaille is the Site Supervisor for GNS. He switched into the field of residential carpentry. In previous placements Lou has worked as supervisor to youth (18-24) on job sites.

With GNS he will be neighbour-building and will enjoy giving experience to community members, trusting workers with responsibilities, making sure everyone is safe and that the job is completed to the clients' satisfaction.

Lou was raised in NC & North Regina. He is eager to move back here, as most of family lives in NC!

Lou is grateful to his job coach at SIIT and Construction Careers Regina for their support and recommendation and he looks forward to serving the neighbourhood.





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been previous discussions about neighbourhood plans over the decades. NCCA is working on one now with more community consultation in the works.

NORTH CENTRAL NEW Taylor Field parking solved...sort of Restricted parking changes Vol. 4 No. 2 - December, 1979 They were talking about Neighbourhood parking issues for the stadium Plan drafted back in 1979 1980 and 1981! North Omitral dist-rict is finally ready for public discussion to the City. Residents of the neighbourhood may al-



ial Programs, Local Improvements, Roming, Health and Parks.

teach home fire safety

Artist Denis Nokony produced known as the Albert Scott Community Centre where NCCA lives. original illustrations for the North Central newspaper.

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All the best from your city councillor. From my family to yours this holiday season. Joel Murray Ward 6

The Mosaic Company and Saskatchewan Roughriders have teamed up to support the new Mâmawêyatitân Centre in our community. The Heart of the Site will provide a natural learning environment for cultural teachings and storytelling.

Elder Betty McKenna spoke at the October 28 announcement on The Heart of the Site.

"Mother Earth is our greatest healer, this site that we designed for years to come, to go and sit and be nourished from the earth with her sacred plants for their mental, their physical, their spiritual and their emotional wellbeing. This place is for children and community members to gather together. Those plants and those Grandfather Stones that will be sitting there are our family members. They came before us. Those plants are our older Brothers and Sisters. We honour them, we pick them, we take them into our lives to guide

was for our students now and

us, we benefit, as do our families and we are able to lead good lives.

We need the lifeblood of Mother Earth for us to be born. We're all born in water, it's life itself. It unites all of us. It's a great river that runs between every human being including the earth."



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Quarter One September 1 to November 2
Quarter Two November 4 to January 24
Quarter Three January 27 to April 5
Quarter Four April 7 to June 22

CLASS TIMES

Morning: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afternoon: 1:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Required Courses of Study for Graduation				
GRADE 10	GRADE 11 (20 level)	GRADE 12 (30 level)		
English Language Arts A10 English Language Arts B10	English Language Arts 20	English Language Arts 30A English Language Arts 30B		
Science 10	Science 20 (Environmental/Physical/ Health or Computer)	One of: Social Studies 30/Native Studies 30 or History 30		
Mathematics 10 (Workplace or Foundations)	Mathematics (Workplace/Foundations or Pre-Calculus)			
Social Studies /Native Studies or History 10	Social Science at the 20 or 30 level			

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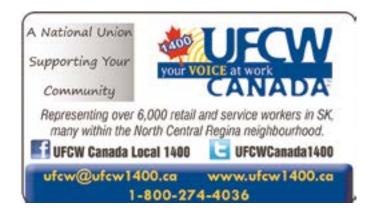
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"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.

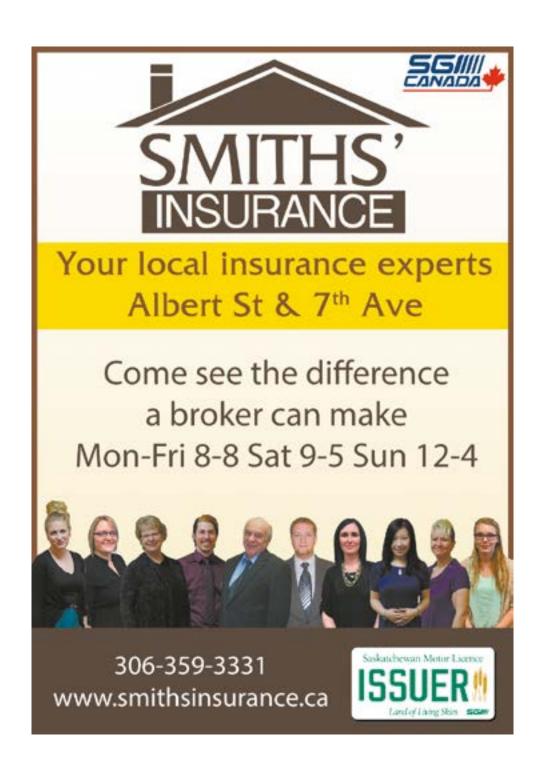
What if Christmas...perhaps...
means a little bit more!"

— Dr. Seuss,
How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Warren McCall, MLA - Regina Elphinstone-Centre
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high school, Nephi McPherson was known as 'the guy who draws'.

"Drawing has been my hobby and my life." Nephi admits. "It's a compulsion. I feel a withdrawal if I can't draw." he laughs.

He gets lost in the creation. "As a loner, and if you're as deep into it as I am, art gives you the ability to phase out everything around you. It's an escape to work through a problem you may be facing. Other times you just focus on the drawing and free your brain to work on problem-solving after the art session." Nephi finds creating art as joyful as lifting a burden. "If i didn't have drawing in my life, I would feel so much emptiness."

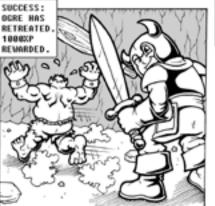
Nephi has lived in North Central since 2003. He works out of a studio on Broad Street where he is creating his own book and taking on projects for select clients. Nephi enjoys writing and storytelling but admits he is better at illustrating. All his works are hand drawn, mostly pen and ink, some colour work. He integrates software, (Photoshop), for cartoon strip templates and to clean up illustrations, but mostly he draws, old-school, on paper.

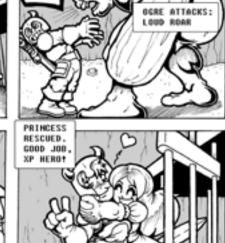












Original self-portrait and cartoon strip by Nephi MacPherson

He is self-taught with no formal training. "Since I can remember I desired very strongly to draw comics, it's my favourite thing to do" Nephi claims. He has dabbled in portraiture but prefers working on pen and ink characters.

Nephi lived and went to school near the village of Climax, in southwestern Saskatchewan. His teachers recognized his talent and called on him to produce art for school plays and events. His doodles weren't always appreciated though. In grade 10, he handed in an assignment filled with marginal art which prompted the teacher to announce to all students that they were not to doodle in their workbooks. Nephi continued to 'draw'

attention to himself. On the school bus he repeatedly got requests from younger children to do cartoons for them, in fact, he still gets asked by students in his Sunday school class!

NCCA hired Nephi to cartoon superheroes for kids for the 40th Anniversary celebration earlier this year. Spiderman was the biggest request but his own childhood inspiration was Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. He trained by writing new TMNT adventures into his own 64-page comic books-7 or 8 of them!

Between 2004-06, after taking a workshop at a RPL branch, Nephi found the courage to create and publish his first comic book-32 photocopied

pages, called "Shadow Zone". He's since published a series of 6 comics. "I'm working towards a reboot—if I had a dream it would be to produce and publish my own comic book, and not on photocopy paper!" he laughs.

Since 2006, Nephi has collaborated with other artists, including North Central's Jonah McFadzean, to produce 20 issues of "Valuable Comics". Issues are still available at Regina's Comic Readers & Tramps.

"I get excited just to think about working on an independent comic book!"

Nephi has been contributing a regular strip to NC Community Connection since June. We are proud to showcase his talent.

North Central's Jeremy Pilon Showcases Global Rock on The Cockpit

eremy Pilon is The Pilot. His Ubrother Andrew is The Navigator.

Their flights take off from Community Radio Station 91.3 CJTR's music show The Cockpit every Thursday evening from 10:00 to 12 midnight.

The hosts fly an imaginary aircraft around the world showcasing contemporary music. Flights of fancy transport the listener through worm holes to other locales around the world. The focus is on rock more so than world music.

Listeners can always appreciate an exotic beat but Jeremy takes it further. He uses translation apps to tell the stories contained in the lyrics.

The music is selected and researched by Jeremy and Andrew. The worldviews reach out to those who don't understand or

> accept Regina's multicultural community. The stories behind the music tell of contemporary struggles in homelands where artists are still persecuted by dictatorship governments and expression can endanger artists' lives. Jeremy some-times wonders about the members of the bands he features. Did they make it through the wars?

The Pilot is always searching for rock-flavoured, punk and heavy metal music for the Cockpit. He finds much contemporary expression is in the form of hip-hop. The music is usually

underground but can be found in North Korea, Viêt Nam as well as Middle East countries. Still, if the young and rebellious artists were discovered, heads would literally roll.

CJTR invites and encourages program ideas, and was happy to welcome The Pilon Brothers' alternative show. Besides playing recorded music, The Brothers host musical guests twice a month, usually local bands giving acoustic performances. They also pre-record phone interviews with Canadian bands to air on The Cockpit.

CJTR Community Radio is celebrating its 15th year. The dream of a university campus station 25 years ago evolved into a community radio in 2001. Offices and studios are located in the old GM building on 8th Avenue and Winnipeg Street. Today the station maintains 24hour programming, some of it is 'fill' or looped music. But there are several long-running programs designed and hosted by Regina

volunteers on diverse topics. Two hundred volunteers are involved in programming, fundraising, event planning, sitting on the board of directors and on committees.

interview by J. Morier

Jeremy sits on the vibrant Board of Directors and on the Promotions & Fundraising Committee. He finds there is no average age - the volunteers come from all levels of experience and expertise.

CJTR is always looking for diverse programming and would welcome contributions from the North Central community. Rock & roll bands, punk, rock, metal, progressive music, cultural contemporary music have a standing invitation to approach the station and may find a fit into existing programming. Get in touch contact@thecockpit.ca to recommend yourself or others

Jeremy has called North Central home for the past 9 years. Jeremy loves the connected feeling of the neighbourhood. He has some fears, as we all do, about the health and safety of our citizens, but he will be staying.



By Ashley Leier, Kate Howes and Miranada Ficor - 4th year nursing students

with The Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program



Mental Health

Awareness

Mental health awareness is vitally important, as up to 20% of Canadians will experience mental illness in their lifetime. Also, many more suffer the effects of mental illness indirectly, such as the family and friends of those dealing with a mental health issue. Since mental illness will affect so many people, both directly and indirectly, everyone should be aware of the programs and resources available for mental health support. Mental illness can affect people of all ages, education levels, cultures, and income levels.

Mental illness is characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behaviour associated with significant distress and impaired physical and cognitive functions. There are many types of mental health disorders that can strike any age groups throughout their lifetime. Some of the more common risk factors associated with mental illness include: family history of mental illness, age, gender, substance abuse history, chronic disease, homelessness, family/workplace/life event stressors.

A history of addiction and substance abuse is one of the major risk factors for mental

illness. People with a substance abuse issue are 3 times more likely to have a mental illness, while

similarly people with a mental illness are 2 times as likely to have a substance abuse issue. Unfortunately this relationship between mental health issues and substance abuse/addictions has been a common occurrence within our society for a long time. The most effective way to address concurrent mental illness and substance abuse is prevention in the form of early detection for mental illnesses and substance abuse problems.

The most common mental illnesses are anxiety and depressive disorders. Both of these illnesses have differing symptoms. Depressive disorder usually presents with physical fatigue and general feelings of "sadness", while anxiety disorders may present as obsessive rituals/ routines, or severe anxiety when leaving the house. Another less common mental illness is Schizophrenia, which only affects 1% of the Canadian population. Unfortunately many of these mental illnesses can have long

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lasting and sometimes deadly effects if not identified and quickly and effectively treated.

Roughly 24% of all deaths among 15-24 years olds and 16% of deaths among 25-44 year olds are due to suicide; suicide is a leading cause of death in both men and women, yet the mortality rate is four times higher among men than women as men tend to use more fatal means. Some other common mental health illness including eating disorders, severe stress or adjustment difficulties.

There is still a stigma associated with mental health illness. A stigma can be defined as a perceived mark of disgrace that a person feels due to being labelled by their illness into a stereotyped group. An example of this is comes from a 2008 survey stating that only 55% would be unlikely to enter a relationship with a person who has been diagnosed with a mental illness. This shows how many Canadians are affected by the negative stereotypes and stigma surrounding mental illness. Yet many services, education, and assistance services are available to help reduce the stigma around mental illness. In a later 2015 survey 57% of participants believed that the stigma around mental illness has been reduced in the last 5 years. This shows how increasing awareness can help remove stigma and negative stereotypes regarding mental illness, thus making it easier for sufferers of mental illness to seek the help and treatment they need to get well.

NCCA thanks the 4th year students with The Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for their work in the community over their 4-month placement.

In Regina there are many different resources available for mental health wellness:

- Intake Program provides entry to all programs and services at the Mental Health Clinic in Regina, assistance in determining which program is the best fit based on the needs of the individual. They also provide crisis intervention and individual counselling
- Adult Community Program - provides support for those with mental illness, severe stress, as well as problems related to using abuse or violence in their intimate relationships.
- · Individual Counselling
- **Wellness and Support**

Programs – focuses on relapse prevention and maintaining health and wellbeing

- **Alternatives to Violence**
- **Dialectical Behavioral**

Therapy - provides skill development for emotional balance, building healthy relationships and coping with stress

 Wellbeing Program – an online therapy course for managing symptoms of depression and anxiety: www.onlinetherapyuser.ca

Visit Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region website for a complete list of programs and descriptions at www.rqhealth.ca/mental-health-andaddictions/adult-mental-health-clinics

SEARCH holds clinics on Saturdays at Four Directions:

Women's Group - runs once a month for an hour. Facilitated by a social work mentor and a student volunteer. The goal of this group is for women in the community to feel support by their peers, as well as have access to expert guidance from a trained professional.

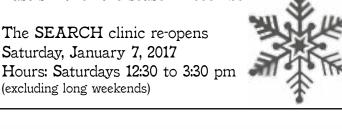
Adult Counselling – to target the needs of the community within the neighbourhood. Offered free of charge.

Happy Holidays from SEARCH!

Our student and mentors would like to wish all of our clients a happy and safe holiday season!

Last shift for the season December 17

The SEARCH clinic re-opens Saturday, January 7, 2017 Hours: Saturdays 12:30 to 3:30 pm







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- Foot Care by a trained professional at a minimal cost

We are accepting new clients for office or home visits!

RATES for Foot Care:

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Home visit – North Central Resident \$20.00
In-office visit – <i>Non</i> North Central Resident \$30.00
Home visit – Non North Central Resident \$40.00

North Central Community Association 1264 Athol Street, 2nd floor (elevator) Call 306-757-1046 to book an appointment or leave a message

Community Nurses: Jude McCann RN and Donna Adams RN





MayBell Developments Providing a Sense of Community and Stability

"Poverty is a

result of broken

relationships

that do not work,

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ALL ITS MEANINGS."

M a y B e I I Developments is a faith-based charity operated by the Aspinall husband and wife team in Pilot Butte. Its work will be based in North Central. Their goal is to remove people

from the system and provide them with relationships, stability, and safety for years to come. It's unique in that The program offers educational and financial assistance to build up community members.

Its 'Encouragement Program' will begin in the fall of 2017. A 12-week facilitated courses will be offered.

The Regina Food Bank is

Program, which will start

11:00-2:30 pm.

safety course.

taking applications for the next

Nutritional Cooking Leadership

Tuesday January 17, and will run

February 28. The program is from

Learn about healthy food choices,

develop skills to prepare food for

budgeting skills when purchasing

yourself and your family. Learn

food. The Nutritional Cooking

classes that include classroom

tour, preparing meals together,

learning activities, a grocery store

preparing a large meal to feed the

community, and your level 1 food

There is no cost to attend these

materials and items needed for a

Space is limited, register before

programs and most of the

program are provided.

Leadership Program has 10

Tuesdays and Thursdays until

The Encouragement Program is used to engage the municipal community with members of the poverty community. It is designed to allow a meaningful way for the municipal community to walk alongside those experiencing poverty and build

them up using the power of relationship. The intent is to provide meaningful, nurturing relationships to members of the poverty community who are committed to mending broken relationships that have caused the poverty in their lives. MayBell Developments believe that the centre of any long-term successful poverty alleviation. effort is relationship.

www.maybelldevelopments.com

MayBell Developments is holding a Comedy & Dessert Fundraiser **Laugh & Love •** February 14th, 2017

Featuring Improv group "The Panic Squad" • Tickets \$40.

<u>Community Calendar</u>

FREE LISTING in the Community Calendar to promote your events happening in February & March, 2017. Deadline for February issue is JANUARY 16, 2017.

Seniors' Walking Club
Wednesday & Friday – 8:00
to 9:00 am at Albert Scott
Community Centre. A club
for all who are interested in
improving their physical fitness.
A safe place for adults to get
together and exercise in a quiet,
comfortable setting. In case any
problems occur, there is a staff

COMMUNITY MOBILE STORES!

member on hand at all times.

EVERY **MONDAY 11:00** am to **1:00** pm

North Central Community Association (1264 Athol St. in multipurpose room)

EVERY **THURSDAY 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**Rainbow Youth Centre (977 McTavish St.)

Everyone welcome! Cash only! Call 306-347-3224



Care & Share for Seniors Now offers Recreational Activities:

Tuesdays at 10:00 am Stay for Lunch: at 11:45 am At Albert



Scott Community Centre (1264 Athol St.)

Soup and Bannock Wednesdays at IMCF 3131 Dewdney Ave, All welcome, \$2.00

Elders' Lunch (hosted by Chili for Children) Thursdays at Albert Scott Community Centre (1264 Athol St.) \$6.00

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January 3, 2017. To register contact Regina Food Bank. Hayley: (306) 559-1501 hayleyf@reginafoodbank.ca



Real Food Challenge Win \$250-500 for you community organization! Host or initiate a minimum of 2 Real Food projects or events between October 1, 2016 and May 1, 2017. A Real Food Project could include offering water at your programs rather than sweetened drinks, taking down unhealthy food advertisements or becoming a Baby Friendly Space (see www.rqhealth.ca/primary-health-care/real-food-challenge for more ideas). Every organization that registers has the chance to win \$500. Make healthy food choice the easy choice.

To register or for more information: www.rqhealth.ca/primary-health-care/real-food-challenge or call: 306-766-7283
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region



Neighbours! Consider donating your used plastic grocery bags to North Central's **AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan** (APSS) 2911 5th Ave. They're always in need!

North Central Community Association regrets the loss of our innovative life skills and employment program Mewassasin.

Provincial Ministry of Economy did not renew funding and we subsequently closed the program services. We thank Kari Herbert. Jessica MacFarlane and Tim **Blacket** for their dedication to this unique program and wish them and their graduates every success in their future.

The future of Go Green's relationship with Mosaic Stadium is uncertain at time of press. We remain hopeful that the program can continue in the new stadium.

NCCA thanks **Kelsee Delorme** for her dedication to the office team. We congratulate her and wish her the best in her new endeavours.

We welcome Jan Morier as Office/ Communications Coordinator in the desk at NCCA.

Farewell Justice Studies student at the University of Regina Kevin Agyeman for his great help during his placement. Read Kevin's impressions of working in North Central on page 4.

Congratulations to Michael and Steffi Parker on the addition to your family. Rhyse Nova was born on October 14. She's a beauty and growing fast.

The Summary Notes from the NCCA Community Engagement held on October 12 are now available online at: www.nccaregina.ca/community-planning-session

We want to hear from you! You can still take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCCACommunityPlan2016

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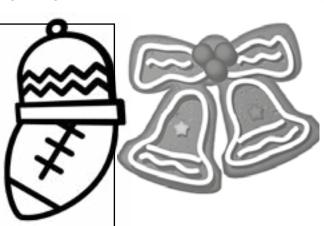
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Thank you for 10 years of dedication to the Go Green program!



North Central Community Connection is a bimonthly newspaper published by the North Central Community Association (NCCA). The newspaper strives to be fair and balanced in its coverage of news, current events and community issues. The Community Connection is written for the people of North Central Regina in hopes of building community and providing valuable information.

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To enhance, engage and represent our diverse neighbourhood, where we live, work and play, by facilitating partnerships, programs and services.

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Regina Police Service Beat Patrol



nspector Trent Stevely, Central District, Regina Police Services spoke about the inaugural Police Patrol. About 15 members of RPS walked the beat one fine evening in October. Stevely said "I would like to continue, we expect a good response and will plan to do another."

The patrol was in response to concerns from community members and organization and association boards. These North Central representatives agreed that patrols are a great opportunity to connect with the neighbourhood.

Stevely added "It is no secret that there are challenges in North Central. At the same time. there are a lot of good people doing a lot of good things. We want to show we are supporting that and are a part of that. In our Community Perception Survey conducted every other year, the number one thing requested was visibility—having more cops on the street."

The Regina Police Services are planning more public events for the spring of 2017.

interview & photo: J. Morier



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